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POLITICAL

1. NEW YEAR MESSAGES

IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO JAPANESE PEOPLE, PRIMIN IKEDA

CALLED ATTENTION TO JAPAN'S "PHENOMENAL" ECONOMIC PROGRESS WHICH

THE EXPECTED WOULD CONTINUE IN COMING YEAR, BUT STRESSED THAT

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PREREQUISITE FOR ATTAINMENT OF PROSPEROUS WELFARE STATE" WAS SENSE OF MORALITY AND PATRIOTISM. HE APPEALED PARTICULARLY TO YOUTH TO TRAIN THEMSELVES AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. WITHOUT MENTIONING SOCIALIST ADVOCACY OF NEUTRALISM, IKEDA DECLARED THAT ONLY WHEN SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL SPHERES COULD NATION ACCELERATE "INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICIES" AND JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL STATUS BE ENHANCED.

JSP MESSAGE FOLLOWED FAMILIAR LINE, CHARGING THAT IKEDA ADMINISTRATION IS FOLLOWING KISHI POLICIES "TO TIE JAPAN WITH FREE WORLD MILITARILY AND PROMOTE INTERESTS OF BIG BUSINESS". STATED PARTY HAS "PROVED" THAT NEUTRALISM "IS ONLY RIGHT COURSE" IN FOREIGN POLICY (ITEM 3), CALLED FOR GOVT-LEVEL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CHICOMS AND CHICOM REPRESENTATION IN UN, AND CRITICIZED GOJ EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ROK (ITEM 5).

DSP MESSAGE SAID MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF COMING YEAR WOULD BE TO WORK FOR CHICOM ADMISSION TO UN, MORE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF UN, AND REDEDICATION OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY TO ELEVATION OF LIVELIHOOD AND PEACE INSTEAD OF CLASS STRUGGLES (ITEM 4). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONTAINING NOTHING NEW, MESSAGES SET FORTH MAJOR POINTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO DOMINATE POLITICAL ARGUMENTS

IN COMING YEAR / JSP STATEMENT AGAIN DEMONSTRATES TOTAL LACK OF

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COMMON GROUND WITH LDP, WHILE DSP AS USUAL STANDS UNCERTAINLY
IN MIDDLE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. FURTHER SOHYO CRITICISM OF JSP'S STRUCTURAL REFORM

RENEWED SOHYO CRITICISM OF JSP'S NEW POLICY PROPOSALS
(WEEK 51, ITEM 2) TOOK FORM OF OPEN QUESTIONNAIRE TO JSP (TO BE
SUBMITTED NEXT WEEK), AND SIGNED ARTICLE ENTITLED "SEVEN
DOUBTFUL POINTS ABOUT STRUCTURAL REFORM" BY SOHYO CHAIRMAN OTA
IN UNION'S OFFICIAL MONTHLY MAGAZINE. BOTH DOCUMENTS EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT JSP HAS OVERLOOKED IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZED LABOR
AND THROUGH "REVISIONISM WILL TEND TO WEAKEN DETERMINATION OF
SOHYO UNIONS TO ENGAGE IN MASS ACTION TO SECURE THEIR DEMANDS.
SOHYO IS SKEPTICAL THAT JST WILL OBTAIN THROUGH PARLIAMENTARY
ACTION DEMANDS WHICH UNION FAILED TO ACHIEVE THROUGH PROLONGED
STRUGGLES, SUCH AS MIIKE MIN STRIKE. UNION ALSO QUESTIONED
WHETHER EFFECTIVE UNITED ACTIONS FEASIBLE WITHOUT COOPERATION
COMMUNIST PARTY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: JSP-SOHYO CONFLICT HIGHLIGHTS LONGSTANDING SOCIALIST
DILEMMA: SWING TO RIGHT DISPLEASES MARXISTS IN PARTY AND ON LABOR
FRONT; SWING TO LEFT ALIENATES GENERAL PUBLIC. LATEST
SOHYO STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT DEBATE OVER STRUCTURAL REFORM WILL
FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN DISCUSSIONS IN UNION AND PARTY CIRCLES PRIOR
TO JSP CONVENTION IN MARCH. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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3. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) TO ESTABLISH NEW COUNCILS

JSP ANNOUNCED JANUARY 2 IT WOULD ESTABLISH TWO NEW ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE "INTELLECTUAL BACKING" FOR ITS POLICIES. FIRST, "CONFERENCE ON NEUTRALISM", IS DESIGNED TO COUNTERACT GOJ'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS DELIBERATION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY FONOFF LAST SUMMER. CONFERENCE WILL BE COMPOSED OF INTELLECTUALS, REPRESENTATIVES SOHYO AND OTHER LABOR UNIONS, ETC. SECOND NEW ORGANIZATION IS "PEOPLE'S COUNCIL FOR PEACE ECONOMY" PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO MAKE KNOWN TO PUBLIC PARTY'S POLICIES ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS BUDGET AND INFLUENCE IN JAPAN OF US DOLLAR ECONOMIES. PREPARATORY X COMMITTEE FOR BOTH NEW GROUPS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN MID-JANUARY. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW ORGANIZATIONS COMES ON HEELS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW JSP "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION CHICOM RELATIONS" (WEEK 52, ITEM 1) AND MAY BE REGARDED AS PART OF JSP EFFORT TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN PARTY IN AS MANY CIRCLES AS POSSIBLE, NOW THAT IT NO LONGER HAS EMOTIONAL ISSUE SUCH AS SECURITY TREATY ON WHICH TO BASE APPEAL FOR SUPPORT. COUNCIL FOR PEACE ECONOMY SHOULD ALSO FIT IN WITH PARTY'S NEW "STRUCTURAL REFORM" EMPHASIZING SHORT-RANGE GOALS. (CONFIDENTIAL

4. DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT

DSP JANUARY 2 RELEASED DRAFT 1961 FOREIGN POLICY FOR SUBMISSION TO JANUARY 23 PARTY CONVENTION. STATEMENT DECLARES

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JAPAN'S SECURITY BEST GUARANTEED THROUGH LESSENING OF WORLD TENSIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM UNDER UN. MEANWHILE, PARTY CALLS FOR CHANGES IN US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, BUT ADVOCATES RECOGNITION OF BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND OPPOSED ABRUPT OR UNILATERAL ABOLITION US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. RE CHINA POLICY, DSP FAVORS ADMISSION COMMUNIST CHINA TO UN WITH PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO TAIWAN PROBLEM THROUGH UN. PENDING UNIFICATION OF KOREA DSP CALLS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ROK AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DESPITE ELECTION DEFEAT, DSP LEADERS HAVE NOT MODIFIED THEIR POSITION ON BASIC FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. DSP STATEMENT, WHICH CONTRASTS WITH JSP'S ENDORSEMENT OF NEUTRALISM, DIFFERS IN NO IMPORTANT RESPECT FROM PARTY'S FIRST FOREIGN POLICY DRAFT A YEAR AGO (WEEKA 1, ITEM 3, JANUARY 8, 1960). (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. JSP ISSUES STATEMENT AGAINST NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ROK

JSP JANUARY 3 ISSUED STATEMENT ATTACKING GOJ POLICY OF SEEKING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH ROK. STATEMENT CHARGED THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ROK COULD LEAD TO FORMATION OF MILITARY PACT BY JAPAN, ROK, NATIONALIST CHINA AND PHILIPPINES. MOREOVER GOJ RECOGNITION OF ROK ALONE WOULD TEND TO PERPETUATE PARTITION OF KOREA AND THUS CONSTITUTE THREAT TO ASIAN PEACE (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: STATEMENT IS IN LINE WITH PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED
JSP POLICIES AND THEREFORE COMES AS NO SURPRISE. IT DOUBTLESS
FORESHADOWS HEIGHTENED JSP CAMPAIGN AGAINST EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS WITH ROK WHICH GOJ HOPES WILL BE ACHIEVED BY SUMMER.
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1. TAKASAKI VISIT

TATSUNOSUKE TAKASAKI, FORMER MITI MINISTER WHO VISITED
PEIPING LAST AUTUMN (WEEKA 44, ITEM 3) DEPARTED JANUARY 11 FOR
VISIT TO US ACCOMPANIED BY YASUHIRO MAKASONE, FORMER STATE MINISTER
FOR SCIENCE TECHNICS AGENCY AND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. ON EVE
OF DEPARTURE, TAKASAKI MET WITH LDP'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH
COUNCIL TO DISCUSS TRIP. FOLLOWING MEETING, PRESS PROMINENTLY
FEATURED HIS STATEMENTS THAT: 1) CHOU EN-LAI INSISTED GOVT-TO-GOVT

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TRADE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN ESSENTIAL ALTHOUGH CHICOMS WANT
INCREASED TRADE WITH "FRIENDLY JAPANESE FIRMS"; 2) US "UNDERSTANDING"
SHOULD BE SOUGHT PRELIMINARY ANY CONCRETE ACTION BY JAPAN ON CHICOM
ISSUS; 3) DURING VISIT TO US HE PROPOSED TO DISCUSS CHICOM
QUESTIONS WITH DILLON, BOWLES, MANSFIELD, MCCORMACK AND "OTHER
DEMOCRATIC LEADERS". (ONE PAPER NOTED TAKASAKI WILL BE TALKING
IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY DUE TO OPPOSITION WITHIN LDP TO HIS
US VISIT.) (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: TAKASAKI AND NAKASONE ARE CLOSE SUPPORTERS OF
ICHIRO KONO, ONE OF IKEDA'S BITTER RIVALS, WHO HAS EXPLOITED DEEP-
SEATED JAPANESE DESIRE FOR IMPROVED CHICOM AND SOVIET RELATIONS IN
PROMOTING HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS. EQUALLY OPPORTUNISTIC,
TAKASAKI HAS GIVEN PUBLIC INCOMPLETE AND SLANTED REPORTS FOLLOWING
VISITS TO COMMUNIST CHINA AND RUSSIA. THERE IS SOME INDICATION
THAT TAKASAKI-NAKASONE VISIT WAS ORGANIZED BY KONO IN HOPE OF
USING THEIR TALKS WITH AMERICAN LEADERS TO UNDERMINE IKEDA'S
FIRM POLICY TOWARD CHICOMS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) DISCUSSES 1961 ACTION PROGRAM

(WEEK 1, ITEM 2)

JSP ACTION POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE JANUARY 10-11 DISCUSSED
INTERPRETATION OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TO BE
INCLUDED IN POLICY FOR PRESENTATION TO PARTY'S MARCH CONVENTION.

SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED COLD WAR WOULD RECEDE IN COMING YEAR AS

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RESULT OF PEACE MOVEMENT AND PROGRESS OF "ANTI-COLONIALISM AND RACIAL INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS" IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS. ON DOMESTIC SCENE POLICY DRAFTERS DECLARED IKEDA'S PLANS TO DOUBLE INCOME "ALREADY WRECKED BY US DOLLAR ECONOMIES" AND SAID GOJ WOULD SOON FACE QUESTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION SINCE IT WOULD HAVE TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSE FORCES WITHOUT DOLLAR AID. POLICY DRAFTERS STATED THAT GOJ EFFORTS TO INCREASE TRADE WITH KOREA AND TAIWAN WILL NOT SUFFICE AND GOVT WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO OVERLOOK COMMUNIST CHINA.

IN DISCUSSING STRUCTURAL REFORM, GROUP DECIDED THERE WAS NO NEED TO DEFINE CONCEPT IN POLICY STATEMENT, SINCE MEANING WOULD BE MADE CLEAR IN PARTY'S REPLY TO SOHYO QUESTIONNAIRE (REF WEEKA). JSP OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY TERM "STRUCTURAL REFORM" MAY BE DROPPED IN FAVOR OF "ANTI-MONOPOLY CAPITAL STRUGGLE" TO APPEASE EXTREME-LEFTIST CRITICS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NOTABLE ASPECT OF PROPOSED DRAFT IS ITS CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO CURRENT LINE OF JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY). 3. DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST THEORETICIANS MEET

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE JANUARY 8-9 IN TOKYO ATTENDED BY ABOUT 700 SCHOLARS, POLITICIANS, LABOR LEADERS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP). IN CONTRAST TO EMPHASIS ON DOMESTIC

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PROBLEMS AT 1960 SESSION (WEEK 2, JANUARY 14, 1960, ITEM 7),
THEME LAID DOWN BY CHAIRMAN MASAMICHI ROYAMA WAS "MISSION OF
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM UNDER COLD WAR COEXISTENCE". SPEAKERS AND
DISCUSSION GROUPS REAFFIRMED FAITH IN DSP POLICIES AND CRITICIZED
JSP STRUCTURAL REFORM (WEEK 1, ITEM 2).

DSP CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 11 ALSO
CONCLUDED PARTY'S POLICIES AND PLATFORM WERE NOT CAUSE OF ELECTION
DEFEAT, WHICH THEY ALTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZATIONAL WEAKNESS, POOR
CAMPAIGN METHODS, AND INADEQUATE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM.(UNCLAS)

COMMENT: CONSIDERING WEAKENED POSITION OF PARTY IN DIET,
DSP LEADERSHIP, IN COOPERATION WITH SUPPORTERS AMONG INTELLECTUALS
AND IN ZENRO, HAS PUT ON BRAVE FRONT IN EFFORT TO GET PARTY OFF
TO FRESH START. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. ZENRO CONVENTION (WEEK 49, ITEM 5, DECEMBER 4, 1959)

SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ZENRO (JAPAN TRADE UNION)
CONGRESS) WHICH OPENED JANUARY 11 FACES FOLLOWING MAJOR CONVENTION
ISSUES AND PROBLEMS: A) ZENRO-SODOMEI DISPUTE OVER ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE AND DUES; B) MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN ZENRO'S POLITICAL
ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF DSP; C) SOHYO INVITATION TO ZENRO TO
JOIN IN "UNITED STRUGGLE" AGAINST INDUSTRIAL RATIONALIZATION.
ON FIRST DAY OF CONVZNTION, ZENRO SEC GEN WADA SOUGHT TO DISPOSE OF
SOHYO BID BY NOTING THAT CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANS TO
CONSIDER IT AFTER CONVENTION. WADA MADE CLEAR THAT ZENRO NOT

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OPPOSED TO RATIONALIZATION IN CASE WHERE IT BENEFITS WORKERS (IN CONTRAST TO SOHYO'S TOTAL OPPOSITION,) AND WARNED THAT SOHYO UNTRUSTWORTHY SO LONG AS IT MAINTAINS AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE TOWARD COMMUNISTS.

CONVENTION ALSO DEBATING DRAFT ACTION POLICY WHICH REAFFIRMS STRONG SUPPORT FOR DSP, SHOWS AWARENESS OF NEED TO CHALLENGE PRO-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF SOHYO AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN POLITICAL, TRADE UNION, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, AND LISTS ECONOMIC GOALS INCLUDING HIGHER WAGES, JGB SECURITY, AND BROADER SOCIAL SECURITY. RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULED FOR LAST DAY OF CONVENTION JANUARY 13. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: BUSINESS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE OF CONVENTION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH SOHYO'S USUAL POLITICAL HARANGUES. LIKELIHOOD IS THAT LEADERS WILL CONTRIVE TO SIDE-STEP FULL-SCALE DEBATE ON COMPLEX LONG-SIMMERING ZENRO-SODOMEI DIFFERENCES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. COMMUNIST PROTESTS ON LAOS

ON JANUARY 6 COMMUNIST PARTY (JCP) DELEGATION CALLED AT EMBASSY TO LEAVE PROTEST ON "US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN LAOS" EXPRESSED IN LANGUAGE CLOSELY SIMILAR TO THAT OF MOSCOW BROADCAST TO JAPAN SAME DAY WARNING OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF US BASES IN JAPAN USED IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY ACTIONS IN LAOS, FOLLOWING TRANSLATION, EMBASSY RETURNED PROTEST WITH COMMENT THAT IT WAS ISSUE OF FALSEHOODS PARALLELING SOVIET PROPAGANDA. NEW CHINA

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NEWS AGENCY (PEIPING) REPORTED JANUARY 11 THAT ZENGAKUREN STUDENT DELEGATION ALSO DELIVERED PETITION TO EMBASSY ON "ILLEGAL INTERVENTION" IN LAOS. ALTHOUGH POLICE HAD INFORMED EMBASSY ZENGAKUREN PLANNED TO DELIVER PETITION, NO ZENGAKUREN REPRESENTATIVES ACTUALLY APPEARED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NCNA STORY, NOT CARRIED IN JAPANESE PRESS, OBVIOUSLY BASED ON INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTION SUPPLIED PRIOR TO EXPECTED VISIT TO EMBASSY. THIS "SLIP" AND COORDINATION OF JCP PROTEST WITH MOSCOW PROPAGANDA BROADCAST ARE INTERESTING NEW EVIDENCE OF CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN COMMUNISTS HERE AND ABROAD. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. DRAFT JFY 1961 BUDGET

FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOJ MINISTRIES AND LDP, FINANCE MINISTRY JANUARY 11 MADE PUBLIC "SECOND DRAFT" NATIONAL BUDGET JFY 1961 WHICH WOULD RESTORE EIGHT AND HALF BILLION YEN CUT FROM MINISTRIES' REQUESTS IN "FIRST DRAFT" OF JANUARY 5. INCREASES WOULD COME FROM 20 BILLION YEN RESERVE FUND INCLUDED FIRST DRAFT. MINISTRIES ORIGINAL "FRAMEWORK" FOR BUDGET OF ABOUT 1,937 BILLION YEN (APPROXIMATELY 23 PCT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR) THUS NOT CHANGED BY THESE CONCESSIONS.

WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN GOVT AND LDP CONTINUING, "THIRD DRAFT" EXPECTED JANUARY 14 AND HOPE IS FOR FINAL CABINET APPROVAL

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JANUARY 17. LDP POLICY BOARD CHAIRMAN FUKUDA REPORTEDLY FEELS MINFI CONCESSIONS INADEQUATE BUT THAT ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE PRESERVED. PRIMIN IKEDA ALSO REPORTEDLY SUPPORTS LIMITS SET BY FIRST DRAFT AND HAS APPEALED TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMPOSE DIFFERENCES ACCORDINGLY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MOST LIKELY RESULT IS THAT SCALE OF MINFIN'S FIRST DRAFT WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED BUT THAT SOME FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO MINISTRIES WILL BE MADE, CALLING UPON APPROXIMATELY 11.5 BILLION UNCOMMITTED RESERVE FUNDS REMAINING FROM FIRST DRAFT. WHILE DISAPPOINTMENTS INEVITABLE IN SOME QUARTERS, CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE THAT BUDGET IS VIRTUALLY ESTABLISHED IN ITS MAIN OUTLINES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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1. REOPENING OF DIET (WEEKA 52, ITEM 2)

REGULAR DIET RECONVENES JANUARY 28. PRIMIN IKEDA AND OTHER PRINCIPAL MINISTERS WILL EXPLAIN GOVT'S MAJOR POLICIES IN CUSTOMARY "ADMINISTRATIVE SPEECHES" JANUARY 30; DEBATES OPEN SAME DAY WITH SINGLE INTERPELLATION. 240 BILLS ON DIET CALENDAR, SOME 130 RELATED TO BUDGET AND ABOUT 30 CONNECTED WITH DIET RATIFICATION TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS. SESSION CLOSES MAY 24.

MOST POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL OBSERVERS AGREED THAT MAJOR SECSTATE....ACT(70CC)..

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PARLIAMENTARY CONFLICT UNLIKELY DURING SESSION. SOCIALISTS

WILL CENTER ATTACK ON 1961 BUDGET AND WILL ALSO SEEK TO EXPLICIT GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN OVER PROSPECT OF RISE IN CONSUMER PRICES. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OPPOSITION WILL URGE: 1) NAUTRAL POLICY FOR JAPAN; 2) RECOGNITION OF PEIPING AND SUPPORT FOR CHICOM SEAT IN UN; 3) BREAK-OFF OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROK PENDING KOREAN UNIFICATION. IN ADDITION, SOCIALISTS WILL SEIZE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLOIT GARIOA ISSUE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: IKEDA CABINET'S HANDLING OF DIET DEBATES WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY AS INDICATION ITS COMPETENCE. IF IT DOES WELL, IKEDA'S POSITION WILL BE STRENGTHENED FOR RESHUFFLE OF CABINET AND TOP PARTY POSTS NEXT SUMMER. IF HE AND CABINET UNEXPECTEDLY FALL DOWN IN DEBATES, DOUBTS WILL ARISE RE LONG-TERM OUTLOOK OF HIS GOVT AND LDP RIVALS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO BEGIN ACTIVE MANEUVERS AGAINST HIM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. LDP CONVENTION

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HOLDING ONE-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION JANUARY 27 DESIGNED PRIMARILY AS POLITICAL RALLY RATHER THAN TO CONDUCT SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS. PRINCIPAL ITEM TO BE APPROVED IS "ORGANIZATIONAL ACTION POLICY", FEATURE OF WHICH IS MORE VIGOROUS APPROACH TO FARMERS, SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS, AND LABOR. RELATED PLAN FOR MORE EFFECTIVE PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES ALSO TO BE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS RESUMED IN TOKYO JANUARY 25. FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WILL REMAIN CONFINED TO FOUR GENERAL SUBJECTS: ROK CLAIMS, STATUS OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN, RETURN OF KOREAN ART OBJECTS, AND SO-CALLED PEACE LINE. DELEGATES EXPECTED INFORMALLY TO EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF BROAD AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND FISHERIES CONSERVATION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: WHILE FONOFF NO LONGER EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO SEND AMBASSADOR TO SEOUL BEFORE SUMMER (SEE ITEM 5), IT APPEARS HOPEFUL THAT MEANINGFUL ACCOMMODATION CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH ROK DURING CURRENT TALKS. PROSPECTS APPEAR GOOD FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT OF STATUS OF RESIDENTS ISSUE; HARD BARGAINING REMAINS ON OTHER QUESTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. CANCELLATION OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC MISSION TO ROK

AN UNOFFICIAL JAPANESE ECONOMIC MISSION WHICH WAS SCHEDULED LEAVE FOR SEOUL JANUARY 23 "INDEFINITELY POSTPONED" AT ROKG REQUEST FEW HOURS PRIOR TO FLIGHT TIME. ROKG FEARED ARRIVAL OF MISSION WOULD CAUSE LARGE-SCALE ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON ROK-GOJ TALKS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: JAPANESE AUTHORITIES INCLINED TO TAKE SYMPATHETIC VIEW OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS FACED BY ROKG AND VOICED NO CRITICISM OF CANCELLATION. ROKG'S SUBMISSION TO OPPOSITION PRESSURE ON THIS QUESTION, HOWEVER, HAS PROBABLY CAUSED SOME

DOUBT WITHIN GOJ AS TO STABILITY OF CHANG GOVT. JAPANESE MAY BE

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COMMENT : NONE.

3. DSP CONVENTION (WEEKA 3, ITEM 2)

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION JANUARY 23-25
ADOPTED 1961 POLICIES AND ACTION PROGRAM AFTER MINIMUM OF
DISCUSSION. "ANTI-MAINSTREAM" CHALLENGE TO LEADERSHIP OF
CHAIRMAN NISHIO AND SECGEN SONE BY FORMER MEMBERS OF KAWAKAMI
FACTION OF JSP AVERTED BY GIVING THEM ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION
ON CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AGREEING TO MAINTAIN DIET
MEMBERS GROUP FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. NISHI AND SONE
UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED; TOSHIO SUZUKI, NEW HEAD OF DIET MEMBERS
GROUP, IS ALSO FROM MAINSTREAM.

FINAL FOREIGN POLICY DRAFT (WEEKA 1, ITEM 3) MODIFIED
SLIGHTLY AT INSISTENCE OF EX-KAWAKAMIITES, CALLS FOR MINIMUM
SELF-DEFENSE FORCE, RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA (BUT SETTLEMENT
OF TAIWAN PROBLEM THROUGH UN), AND RENEGOTIATION OF SECURITY
TREATY WITH PURPOSE OF "STEP-BY-STEP ABOLITION". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: FACTIONAL SQUABBLING CAUSED PRESS

TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON LEADERSHIP

QUESTION, THUS DEPRIVING PARTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICIZE ANEW
PARLIAMENTARY PRINCIPLES AND MIDDLE-ROAD POLICIES ON WHICH PARTY
FOUNDED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. RESUMPTION OF ROK-JAPAN TALKS (WEEKA 52, ITEM 3)

AFTER ONE-MONTH RECESS, ROK-JAPAN TALKS LOOKING TOWARD

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EXPECTED TAKE MORE CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE HENCEFORTH ON DISPATCH OF
OFFICIAL ECONOMIC MISSION TO ROK AND ON EARLY ASSIGNMENT JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR TO SEOUL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. VISIT OF ALL CHINA FEDERATION OF TRADE UNION DELEGATION
AT SOHYO INVITATION, DELEGATION OF 10 CHICOM TRADE UNION
LEADERS, HEADED BY LI CHIEH-PO DEPUTS CHAIRMAN, ALL CHINA
FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS) ARRIVED IN TOKYO JANUARY 24 FOR 25-DAY
VISIT. GROUP WELCOMED AT AIRPORT BY 500 LEFTISTS. IN AIRPORT
STATEMENT, LI EXPRESSED INTENTION TO TRAVEL WIDELY (INCLUDING
TRIP TO OMUTA, SITE OF MIKE MINE), MEET WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL
WALKS OF LIFE, AND CONFER WITH SOHYO OFFICIALS. STATEMENT
STRESSED CHICOM-JAPANESE WORKERS' COMMON BOND IN FIGHT AGAINST
"US IMPERIALISTS", AND PRAISED JAPANESE WORKERS' "VICTORY" IN
LAST YEAR'S STRUGGLE AGAINST SECURITY TREATY. SOHYO VICE-
PRESIDENT'S WELCOMING ADDRESS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS YEAR WOULD BE
EVEN "MORE IMPORTANT" IN CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE JAPAN-CHICOM
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

SUBSEQUENTLY LU PUBLICLY REITERATED LONGSTANDING
CHICOM LINE THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN CAN BE
ACHIEVED ONLY ON BASIS CHOU EN-LAI'S "THREE PRINCIPLES". OFFICIAL
USE ONLY) COMMENT: CHICOM DELEGATION IS FIRST SINCE LIU NING-YI VISIT
LAST SUMMER (WEEK 31, ITEM 3). IN VIEW OF LI'S REFERENCE TO
"THREE PRINCIPLES", MISSION CAN BE EXPECTED TO PREACH FRIENDSHIP

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BUT OFFER NO CONCESSIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. EDUCATION MINISTER STATEMENT RE ILO

WITH REFERENCE TO TEACHERS UNION'S (NIKKYOSO) PROTEST AGAINST GOJ NOW PENDING BEFORE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO), EDMIN ARAKI JANUARY 20 TOLD PRESS THAT JAPAN SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ILO IF LATTER ADVISES GOJ TO BA RGAIN WITH NIKKYOSO.

ARAKI STATED THAT SUCH ADVICE FROM ILO, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "DOMINATED" BY USSR, WOULD CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN JAPAN'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

PRESS, SOCIALISTS AND SOHYO IMMEDIATELY TOOK ARAKI TO TASK, AND AFTER PRIMIN CHARACTERIZED HIS STATEMENT AS "UNFORTUNATE", ARAKI ON JANUARY 24 HOLD PRESS THAT HE "REGRETTED" REMARKS AS "IMPROPER". HE ADDED THAT FONMIN, LABOR MINISTER AND HE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ILO WOULD NOT APPROVE "GROUNDLESS APPEAL OF NIKKYOSO". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: UNLIKELY THAT SOCIALISTS AND NIKKYOSO WILL PERMIT ARAKI TO BACK AWAY EASILY FROM HIS "HIGH POSTURE" STATEMENT, WHICH MAY HANDICAP HIS EFFORTS TO REDUCE NIKKYOSO INFLUENCE

(WEEKA 35, ITEM 7). (CONFIDENTIAL)

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8. CHANGE OF US ADMINISTRATION (WEEKA 3, ITEM 7)

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S INAUGURATION HEAVILY COVERED IN ALL

MASS MEDIA WHICH ALSO FEATURED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES BY PRIMIN

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AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS. JSP STATEMENTS DESCRIBED
"PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AS MAJOR WORLD FORCE, AND SAID PARTY HOPES
PRESIDENT WILL INCORPORATE THIS "NEW WIND" IN US FOREIGN POLICY.
DSP VOICED EXPECTATION OF "MORE ELASTIC" US FOREIGN POLICY
LOOKING TO "COMPETITIVE COEXISTENCE" BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.
EDITORIAL REACTIONS TO INAUGURAL ADDRESS UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE
WITH MANY LAUDATORY REFERENCES TO "NEW FRONTIER" SPIRIT AND
EXPRESSIONS OF HIGH HOPES REPOSED IN NEW PRESIDENT. SEVERAL
PAPERS HINTED THAT JAPAN MUST MAKE APPROPRIATE PREPARATIONS IN
EXPECTATION OF POLICIES TO BE ADVANCED BY NEW US ADMINISTRATION.
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COMMENT. NONE.

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9. MSDF ATTACHE TO WASHINGTON DESIGNATED

CAPTAIN KIYOHIDE SEKI DESIGNATED MSDF ATTACHE TO US AS
RELIEF FOR CAPTAIN SUTSO ISHIDA. SEKI TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MSO, IN DECEMBER 1960 BUT WILL SHORTLY BE
ASSIGNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR TRAINING. ESTIMATED ARRIVAL
TIME WASHINGTON ABOUT NOVEMBER 1961. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: CAPTAIN SEKI ORIGINALLY SLATED TO BECOME DEFENSE
ATTACHE TO ITALY BUT PLAN REPORTEDLY GIVEN UP BECAUSE JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR TO ROME OPPOSED TO HAVING DEFENSE ATTACHE ON HIS STAFF.
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